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Weekend I-290 Closures for Halsted Street Project

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that closures on both directions of the Eisenhower Expressway (Interstate 290) will be taking place this weekend, weather permitting, for the ongoing construction of the new Halsted Street bridge, part of the larger reconstruction of the Jane Byrne Interchange.

In order to place the bridge's new piers, the following closures will take place:

• **Eastbound I-290** – The left lane between Racine Avenue and Halsted Street will close tonight at 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sunday.

Between 1 and 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, the two left lanes will be closed. A detour route will be posted during this time, directing traffic to the outbound Dan Ryan Expressway (Interstate 90/94) exit ramp to Taylor Street, reconnecting with Congress Parkway via Union Street, Roosevelt Road, Jefferson Street, Harrison Street and Wells Street.

The same closures will be repeated at the same times on the weekend of Sept. 18-21.

• **Westbound I-290** – The left lane from just east of the junction with I-90/94 to Halsted Street will be closed from 11 p.m. tonight until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Please visit <u>www.circleinterchange.org</u> for complete project details and closure information, including a streaming high-resolution view of the work zone. For regular updates on this and other projects, follow IDOT on Facebook and Twitter.